

The Adult Inmate forecast includes adult criminal sentences under the state's jurisdiction and housed in prisons and partial confinement facilities. The forecast includes the effects of changing demographics, offense types, and policy changes (new legislation or initiatives).

Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)							
	Feb-23	Jun-23	Feb to Jun	Percent			
Fiscal Year	Forecast	Forecast	Difference	Difference			
2023	13,248	13,239	-9	-0.1%			
2024	13,653	13,598	-55	-0.4%			
2025	14,126	13,945	-181	-1.3%			

Compared to February, the June 2023 forecast is, on average, 9 cases or 0.1 percent lower for FY 2023 and 118 cases or 0.8 percent lower for the 2023-25 Biennium.

Tracking the Current Forecast

	Feb-23			Percent
Month	Forecast	Actual	Variance	Variance
Jan-23	13,223	13,199	-24	-0.2%
Feb-23	13,312	13,275	-37	-0.3%
Mar-23	13,344	13,370	26	0.2%
Apr-23	13,381	13,439	59	0.4%

Actuals are tracking, on average, 6 cases or 0.0 percent above the February forecast.

The caseload reduction in the FY 2023-25 Biennium is primarily driven by the inclusion of the estimated impacts of the following legislation:

- Engrossed House Bill 1324, which removes all juvenile offenses from scoring in adult felony sentences. This reduces the caseload by an average of 99 inmates in the 2023-25 Biennium.
- Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1394, which eliminates the requirement to register as a sex offender for certain juveniles. This reduces the caseload by an average of 24 inmates in the 2023-25 Biennium.

Fiscal Year Caseload Change

			Change from	
	Fiscal Year	Caseload	Prior Year	Percent Change
Actual	2016	17,415		
	2017	17,580	166	1.0%
	2018	18,035	454	2.6%
	2019	17,766	-269	-1.5%
	2020	17,111	-655	-3.7%
	2021	14,725	-2,386	-13.9%
	2022	13,138	-1,586	-10.8%
Forecast	2023	<i>13,239</i>	100	0.8%
	2024	13,598	<i>359</i>	2.7%
	2025	13,945	347	2.6%

Risks to the Forecast

Risks to this forecast are moderate. There is substantial uncertainty surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the timeline for increased capacity in the criminal justice system in the short-term for backlogged cases as well as the long-term for future case volume.